

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c)
US Application No. 09/318,268
Attorney Docket No. Q54505

REMARKS

Claims 1-41 are pending in the application. Applicant has added claim 41.

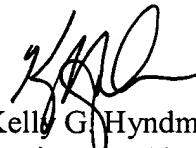
Applicant has received, in a related application, an office action indicating some references which might be material in the present application. Applicant plans to file an IDS mentioning such references in the near future, once English-language explanations have been prepared for the foreign language references.

Furthermore, Applicant plans to add some additional claims by way of a supplemental amendment, in the near future.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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